

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 9 remain in the application and have been amended hereby.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of claims 1 and 9 under 35 USC 102(b), as being anticipated by Sombroek et al.

A feature of the present invention is to continue a speed of increase when a first or a second command means is deactivated while the first or the second command means is activated and a similarity of alternate actions is found (e.g. alternating between channel up and channel down), and to return to the initial speed when the similarity is not found (e.g. alternating between channel up and volume up).

Another feature of the present invention is to judge the similarity of alternate actions made by the first and second command means based on a stored table listing combinations of similarities. See the paragraph bridging pages 8 and 9 of the present application, for example.

Claims 1 and 9 have been amended to emphasize these features of the present application.

Looking at Sombroek et al. we see that, although it teaches a change of the cursor speed in response to some sequence of alternate activation, it is silent about judging similarity of alternate actions based on a stored table


listing combinations of similarities.

Therefore, because the Sombroek et al. structure and method steps are formed differently from that of the presently claimed invention, it is respectfully submitted that the positively recited structure and method steps of claims 1 and 9 cannot be found in Sombroek et al. and that Sombroek et al. does not anticipate the present invention as recited in the amended claims.

Entry of this amendment is earnestly solicited, and it is respectfully submitted that the amendments made to the claims hereby raise no new issues requiring further consideration and/or search, because all of the features of this invention have clearly been considered by the examiner in the prosecution of this application and because the present amendments serve only to further define and emphasize the novel features of this invention.

Favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

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